



## **SAFETY AROUND HORSES**

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- **SLOW DOWN, PASS WIDE**
  - **Avoid braking suddenly.**
  - **15mph is the maximum recommended speed to pass a horse.**
  - **Give a horse as wide a berth as possible and at least 2 meters.**
  - **KEEP YOUR DISTANCE**
  - **Always wait for approaching traffic to pass and the road to be clear, NEVER squeeze through.**
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- **DON'T MAKE ANY SUDDEN OR LOUD NOISES**
- **Please don't sound your horn or flash your lights.**
- **Avoid revving your engine, making noisy gear changes or braking suddenly.**
- **Turn your stereo down.**
- **EXPECT TO SEE A HORSE AROUND THE NEXT BEND**
- **When the ground is hard or boggy, riding on the roads is sometimes unavoidable.**
- **Riders often have to use roads to reach the nearest bridleway.**
- **Some areas have few or no bridleways.**



- **RESPECT RIDERS' SIGNALS**
- **Pneumatic drills, road-works, flashing lights, children playing ball, lawn-mowers, crisp packets ..... these are just a few of the things that may scare a horse and which you may not be able to see or hear.**
- **Expect the unexpected ..... even if the horse ahead looks calm and in control it may become afraid if you pass too quickly.**
- **If the horse is scared, or appears frightened, do not overtake. Pull over and stop until the rider has regained control of the animal and calmed it down.**



# Road signals used by riders



I am turning  
Left

Riders arm  
outstretched to  
left

I am turning  
Right

Riders arm  
outstretched to  
right



Please Slow  
Down

The riders hand  
will move up and  
down

Please Stop

The rider may  
see an obstacle  
ahead or have a  
problem with  
their horse



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